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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT: Unclassified CIA Publications

1. The following may be useful to the Director during Congressman Moorhead's subcommittee hearings on CIA declassification policy and practice.

2. CIA publications are classified and excluded from automatic downgrading and declassification when necessary to protect intelligence sources and methods. However, a number of publications produced by CIA are not classified. These include many information reports, reference aids, maps, and statistical compilations. Examples are listed in Tab A.

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4. The Central Reference Service produces a number of unclassified biographic reference aids. They include a monthly Chiefs of State and Cabinet Members list and comprehensive directories of Soviet, Chinese, East European and Cuban officials which are issued on a one-to-two year basis. CRS has recently completed arrangements to release these publications to university and public library subscribers through DocEx. These publications have also been given courtesy dissemination outside the Government by the Domestic Contact Service, Special Research Staff, and Department of State.

5. The Office of Basic and Geographic Intelligence has published several unclassified Soviet, Chinese, and Indochinese map folios. These maps have been distributed by OBG, DCS, and SRS to academic institutions and organizations with special interests. The new People's Republic of China Atlas is going outside the Government in 1,200 copies, mostly through DCS. The National Intelligence Fact Book, which is published semiannually, is now unclassified. Beginning in 1967 the Weather and Climate sections of the NIS have been unclassified. Other unclassified sections are under consideration.

6. Certain Office of Economic Research statistical summaries have been published in unclassified form and given courtesy distribution outside the Government by the Office of Personnel, DCS, and SRS. The Office of Current Intelligence and SRS have also published unclassified items.

7. Unclassified Personal Name Handbooks for each of 38 foreign languages have been produced by the Information Services Division/DDP. Copies are available to the public through the Library of Congress.

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8. From this survey it is obvious that CIA makes a determined effort to publish in unclassified issuances that are available outside the Government. This is the best way to approach the problem of declassification; that is, not to classify materials in the first place if it is not necessary to do so. Considering the need to protect intelligence methods and sources and the fact that CIA analysis is based on all-source data, it is noteworthy that we can point to as many unclassified CIA publications as we have.

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Chiefs of State and Cabinet Members of Foreign Governments	Monthly
Appearances of Soviet Leaders	Semiannual, Annual
Directory of Headquarters Personnel - USSR Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Annual
Directory of Soviet Officials	
Vol. I - National Organizations	1-2 Years
Vol. II - RSFSR	1-2 Years
Directory of Ukranian Officials	Irregular

CENTRAL REFERENCE SERVICE (continued)

Appearances and Activities of Leading Personalities of the People's Republic of China	Semiannual, Annual
Directory of Chinese People's Republic Officials	Annual
Directories of Albanian, Bulgarian, Czechoslovak, East German, Hungarian, Polish, Romanian, Yugoslav, Cuban Officials	1-2 Years

OFFICE OF BASIC AND GEOGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE

Soviet Atlas Administrative Divisions	1958, 1960	
Communist China Map Folio	1967	
Communist China Administrative Atlas	1969	
Communist China Provincial Maps	1970	
People's Republic of China Atlas	1971	
South Vietnam Provincial Administrative Maps	1969	
Indochina Atlas	1970	
South Vietnam Provincial Maps Population Edition	1971	
Cambodia Provincial Maps	1971	
NIS Weather and Climate Section 23	Since 1967	OUO
NIS Fact Book	Semiannual	

OFFICE OF ECONOMIC RESEARCH

Agricultural Acreage in Communist China, 1948-68: A Statistical Compilation	1969	Attributed version OUO
USSR Foreign Trade, 1964-68	1970	
Foreign Trade of East European Countries, 1958, 1960-68: A Statistical Summary	1970	OUO
Middle East-Africa Oil Statistical Summary	1970	Unattributed
World Oil Statistical Summary	1971	Unattributed
Survey of Soviet Economists and Economic Research Organizations	1971	Attributed version OUO

OFFICE OF CURRENT INTELLIGENCE

Composition of the Ninth Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party	1969
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SPECIAL RESEARCH STAFF

Leadership Changes in the Regional and Provincial Party, Government and Military Structures of Communist China, 1965-70	1970
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Personal Name Handbooks  
(for each of 38 foreign languages)